

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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WHAT PROGRAM DOES

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) exists to work with all Montanans to promote and facilitate the preservation of our state's historic, archaeological, and traditional cultural places. SHPO staff helps people across the state to identify, document, recognize, restore, and protect the heritage properties of Montana – from 10,000 year old prehistoric campsites to 100 year old homesteads and downtown historic main streets. A clearinghouse of information and expertise on recorded properties and preservation techniques, SHPO maintains the State Antiquities Database and National Register of Historic Places for Montana, assists owners in obtaining commercial historic building rehabilitation tax credits, reviews and comments on state and federal permitted and/or funded projects to help agencies find ways to lessen potential impacts on heritage properties, and supports (financially and through technical assistance) a network of local preservation offices in fifteen communities across the state through the Certified Local Government program.

Statutory Authority Program

MCA 22-3-421-442 Montana State Antiquities Act
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C 470 et seq.)

HOW SERVICES ARE PROVIDED

The Program is organized into one bureau with the following functions:

The State Historic Preservation Office exists as a single unit with 9.5 FTE, which includes required staff who meet or exceed the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in the fields of History, Architectural History, Historic Architecture and Archaeology.

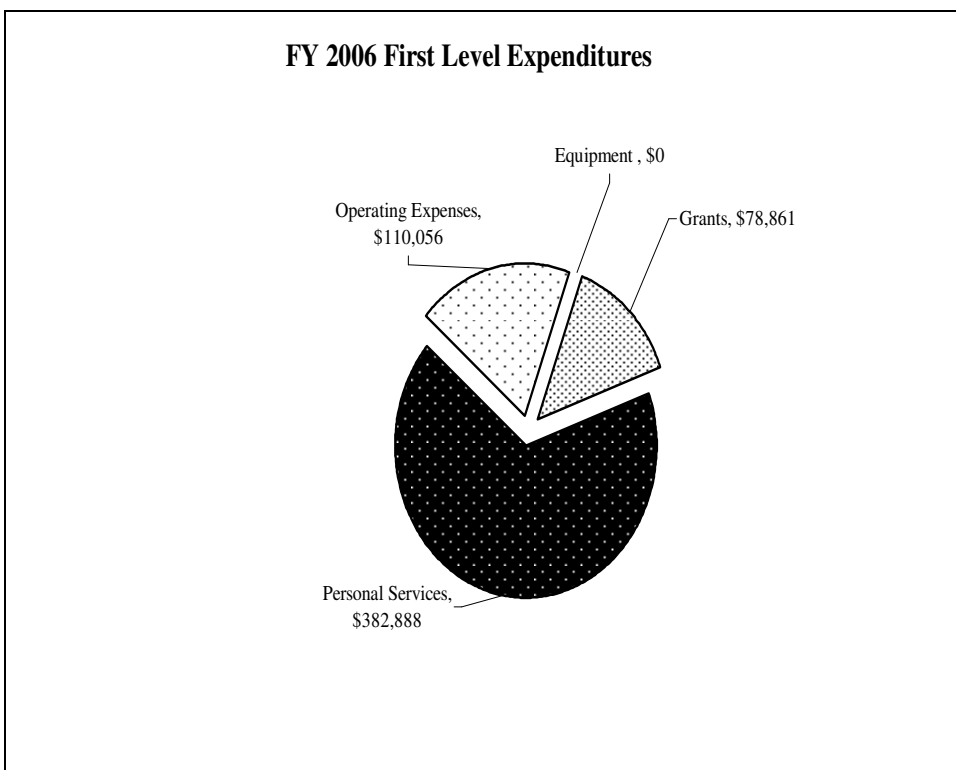
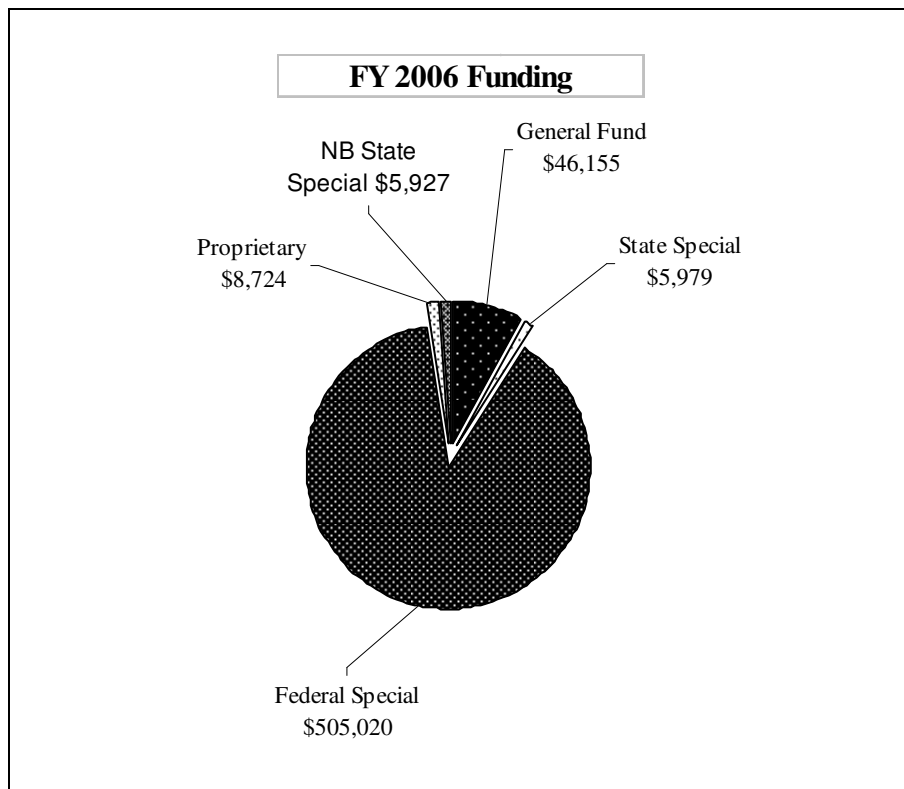
Primary federal and state mandated programs of the SHPO are the National Register of Historic Places program, Certified Local Government program, and Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit program, which are currently staffed by single individuals who also perform other duties. Part or all of five staff, including the State Historic Preservation Officer, are involved in daily consultation with agencies, applicants, consultants and the public under state and federal preservation law (Review & Compliance), accounting for approximately 3.0 FTE. The office reviews between 2,000 and 2,500 projects per year.

Program administration is provided by the State Historic Preservation Officer, a receptionist/administrative assistant, and a 0.5 FTE grants manager/financial officer. In addition to accounting for federal grant monies that provide primary support for the office, the grants manager oversees \$80,000 in annual sub-grants to local communities under the Certified Local Government program. If and when funds are made available, the office also may grant support for historic rehabilitation (brick and mortar) projects and historic survey and planning activities.

All SHPO staff are involved in technical assistance, outreach, and preservation education activities.

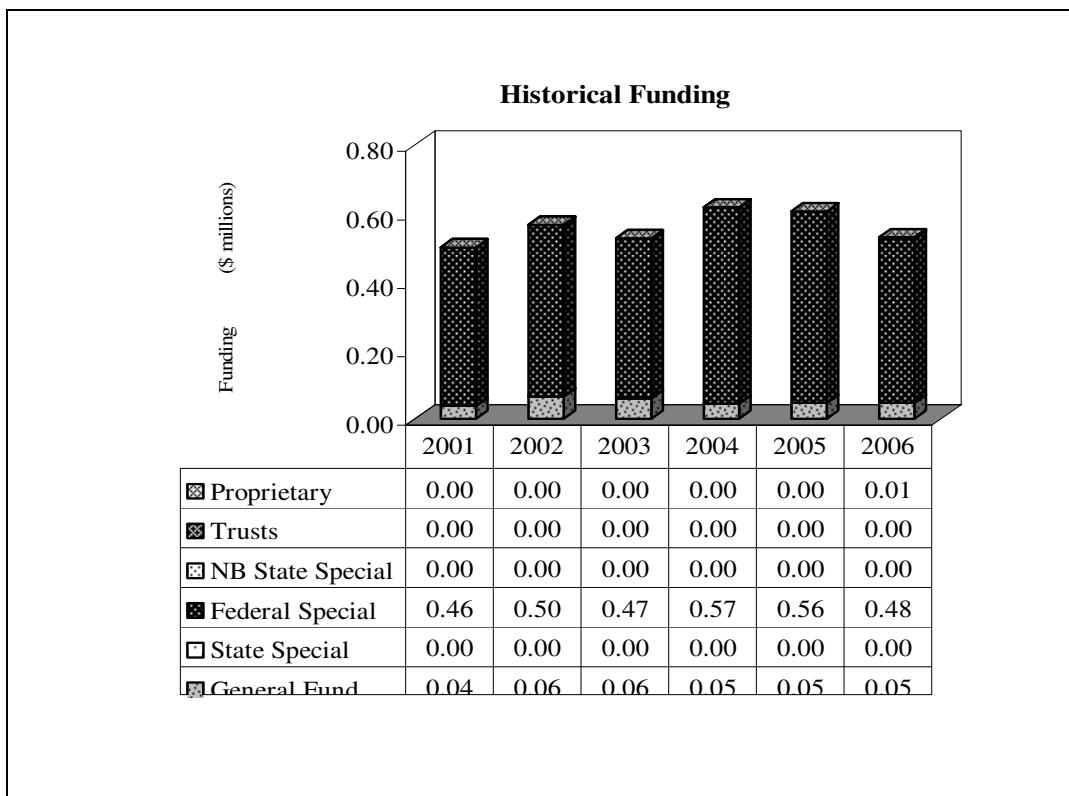
Spending and Funding Information

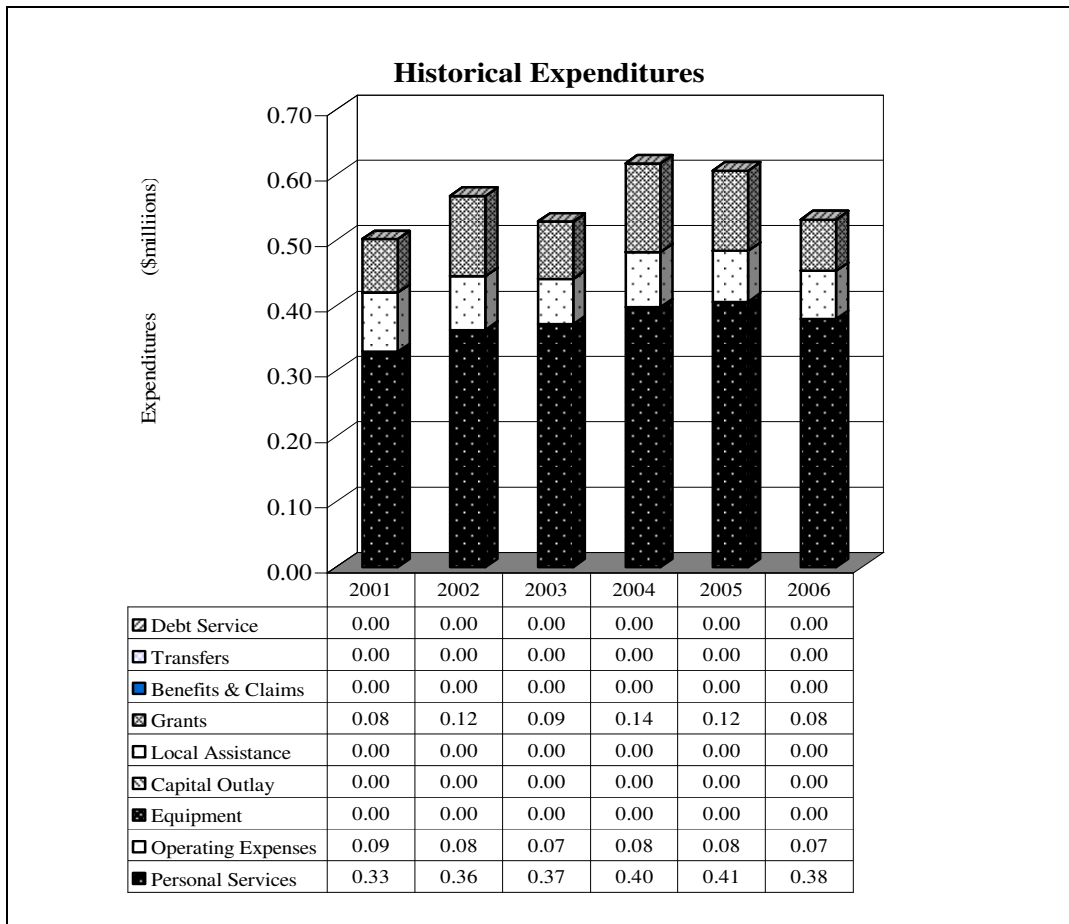
The following figures show funding and expenditure information for FY 2006 for all sources of funding of the Historic Preservation Program. Because the figures include all sources of funding there are no direct relationships between these figures and appropriation levels presented in the Budget Analysis for the 2007 Biennium.



The above information does not include administrative appropriations. The program had \$14,100 in an administrative appropriation in fiscal year 2006 and expended \$5,979 of the appropriation. The administrative appropriation was received from the Montana Arts Council to fund grant 1127 under HB9 for identifying African American heritage resources in the State of Montana. Departmental indirect charges are not included as expenditures or revenues in the above tables.

The following figures show funding and expenditures from FY 2001 through FY 2006, for HB2 funding.





The change in revenues and expenditures between fiscal 03 and 04 resulted from a carry forward on the National Park Service grants.

2007 BIENNIUM NEW PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION AND PROGRAM EXPANSION

Program Expansion

No new programs or FTE were added to the State Historic Preservation Office in the 2007 biennium.

The State Historic Preservation Office applied for, and received, a grant for \$150,000 from the federal Preserve America program in Spring 2006. The bulk of these funds (\$90,000) are being re-distributed through a competitive grant program administered by the SHPO to Montana communities that have qualified for the Preserve America program. The grant also supports the publication of several state heritage publications. This Preserve America grant has a two year lifespan and will likely be expended by the end of 2007.

FTE

The legislature approved no additional FTE in the 2007 Biennium.

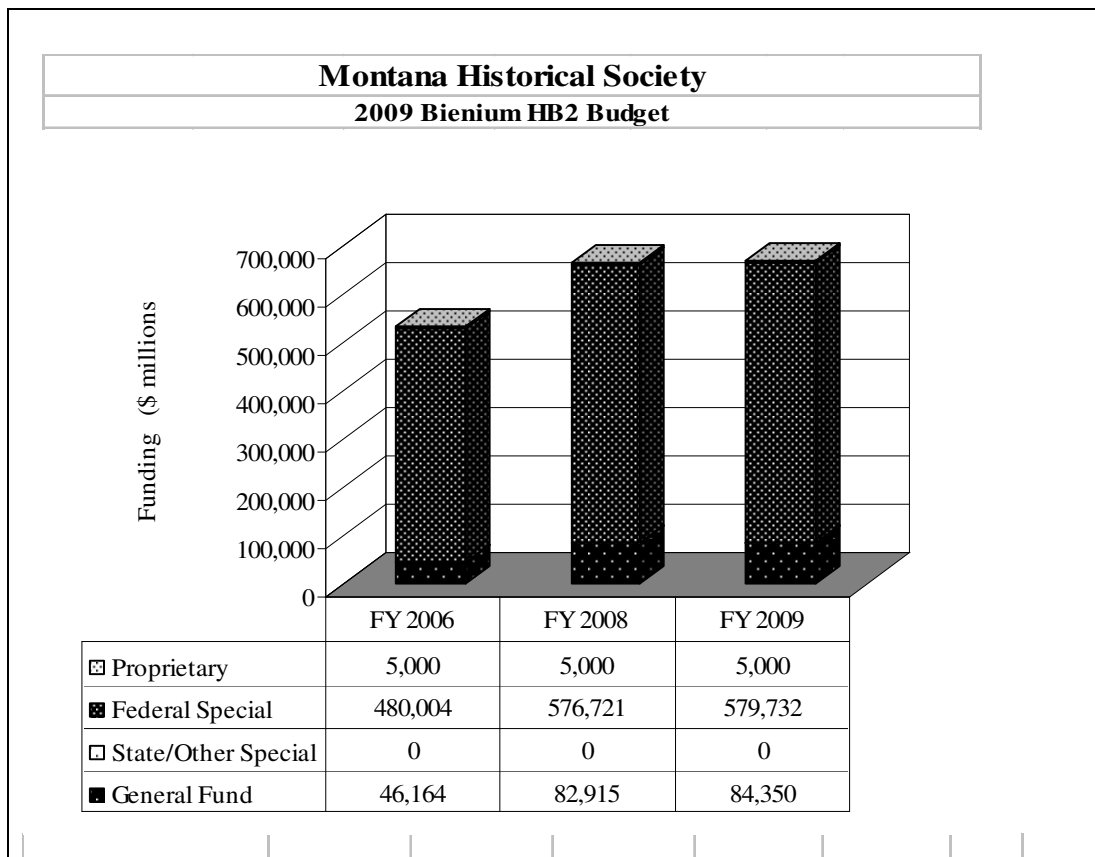
2007 Biennium FTE Hire Dates	FTE	Date
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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLANS

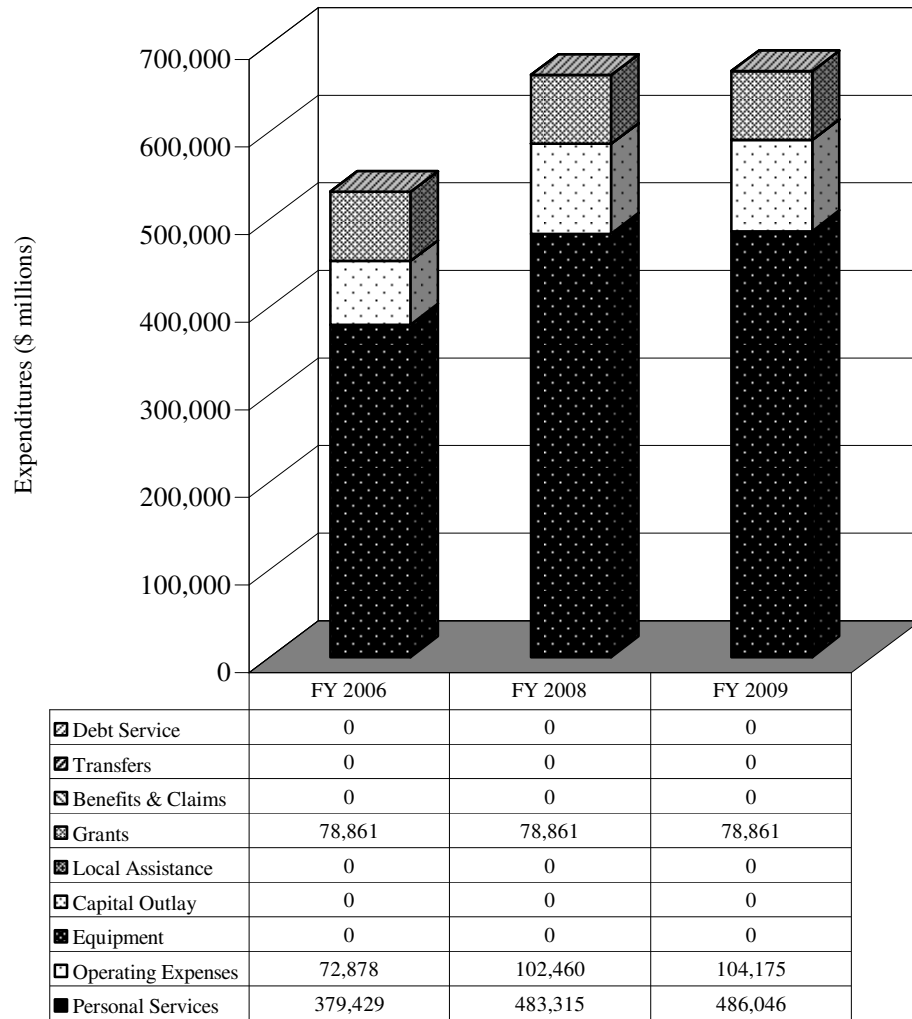
The corrective action plan is summarized in the agency overview.

2009 BIENNIUM BUDGET

The following figures show the proposed HB2 budget for the 2009 biennium.



**Montana Historical Society
2009 Bienium HB2 Budget**



Goals and Measurable Objectives

The following figure shows the department base year and budgeted biennium goals and performance measures that are associated with the proposed 2009 biennium HB2 budget.

Montana Historical Society Historic Preservation Program		
Measurable Objectives for the 2009 Biennium		
Goal	Measurable Objectives	Current status of Measures
Assist and secure funding, as available, for local community, county, and historical or archaeological organization projects for systematic survey and research of Montana neighborhoods, geographic regions, or types of properties.	1. Over biennium 2008-2009, use additional grant manager 0.25 FTE to seek out and apply for at least \$75,000 in federal. 2. Apply for private grant money for re-grant to historic preservation survey, planning, and interpretation projects.	Work in progress
Secure, award, and administer a competitive rehabilitation (brick and mortar) re-grant program for owners of properties listed in the National Register.	1. Over biennium 2008-2009, use additional grant manager 0.25 FTE to seek out and apply for at least \$50,000 in federal. 2. Apply for private grant money in support of historic brick-and-mortar rehabilitation projects.	Work in progress
Maintain and add to statewide inventory of locations of survey and of known recorded historic and archaeological properties in Montana (State Antiquities Database).	1. Compile and add 500 new cultural resource inventory reports to the electronic State Antiquities Database each year, 2008 and 2009. 2. Obtain and enter records for 1,000 new historic and archaeological properties into the State Antiquities Database each year, 2008 and 2009.	Work in progress
Assist property owners in the evaluation and the nomination of properties (individual and contributors to districts) to the National Register of Historic Places.	1. Organize and support 3 meetings per year of the 9-member State Preservation Review Board in different locations around the state, 2008 and 2009. 2. Prepare and present 15 new nominations for listing in the National Register of Historic Places for the review and approval by the State Preservation Review Board in 2008 and again in 2009.	Work in progress

BUDGET AND POLICY ISSUES

Included in the Governor's 2009 biennium budget is \$30,276 for .25 grant manager, costs for the state antiquities database residing on the ITSD database server, and State Preservation Review Board meetings held three times throughout the year.

Also included are present law adjustments for annualizing the pay plan approved by the 2005 legislature and restoring funding for the base year vacancies and the increase in employee benefit costs

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES EXPANDED

During the 2006 legislative audit an issue was identified concerning the indirect costs. The Society receives financial assistance from the federal government to operate the State Historic Preservation Office. The Society had not been charging the appropriate amount of indirect cost to the federal grants received by the Society. The Society is in the process of re-evaluating the indirect cost allocations process.